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FINAL PROCEDURE**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Whitty et al. Serial No: 09/832,659 Filed: April 11, 2001 For: <i>Interferon-beta-1a immunoglobulin fusion proteins and uses</i>	Group Art Unit: 1647 Examiner: Seharaseyon, J. Docket No.: BII-007.01
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2003. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

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